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Group Art Unit: 3629

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

**Mail Stop Issue Fee
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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed April 29, 2003, the Examiner sets forth therein reasons for allowance of claims 1 and 65 as "the prior art does not teach or suggest printing the purchased item with multiple sections that include a security imprint in each section." Applicant points out that, although Applicant agrees that the applied art does not teach or suggest the invention recited in claims 1 and 65, that these claims do not recite a security imprint in each section. For example, claim 1 recites "said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different function, each function having associated therewith a security indicia." Similarly, claim 65 recites "said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different display, each such display having associated therewith a security indicia."

The reasons for allowance of claims 29, 48, 112, and 120 of the present application paraphrases the language of claims 29 and 48. Applicant respectfully points out that it is the language of each of the claims which sets forth the invention as claimed therein. The language of allowed claims varies from that paraphrased by the Examiner and, therefore, Applicant would like to make of record that the claims are patentable in their own right and are not defined by the summary characterization set forth in the reasons for allowance. Of particular note, claims 112 and 120 recite decoding a first indicia, decoding a second indicia,

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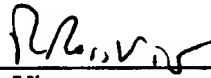
decrypting encrypted authentication information, and selectively permitting a consumer to complete a commercial transaction. Although Applicant agrees that the applied art does not teach or suggest the invention recited in claims 112 and 120, these claims recite language appreciably different than that set forth in the reasons for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 48237/P005US/09903075 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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